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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM - PROPOSED VISIT TO VICTORIA  
FALLS (S/S NO.7608169)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFEELE

1. BACKGROUND

LUSAKA'S 0943 RECOMMENDS THAT YOU RECONSIDER YOUR DE-  
CISION TO DROP A VISIT TO LIVINGSTONE AND VICTORIA FALLS.  
THE ZAMBIANS ARE URGING THAT YOU VISIT THE FALLS TO SEE  
THAT COUNTRY'S MOST SPECTACULAR SIGHT AND TO GET THE  
"FEEL" OF THE RHODESIAN BORDER PROBLEM. TO GET YOU THERE  
THEY ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE A BOEING 737 GRATIS.

2. OPTIONS.

OPTION I - RECOMMENDS THAT YOU LIMIT YOUR VISIT TO  
VICTORIA FALLS TO AN AERIAL TOUR EN ROUTE TO KINSHASA AND  
USE THE TIME AVAILABLE TO HOLD IMPORTANT BILATERAL  
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MEETINGS IN LUSAKA.

OPTION II - RECOMMENDS THAT YOU REARRANGE YOUR ZAMBIAN SCHEDULE TO HOLD THE MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETINGS AND DELIVER YOUR SPEECH IN LUSAKA AND ALSO TO VISIT VICTORIA FALLS AT THE INVITATION OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT

OPTION III - RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ARRANGE TO ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING YOU WISH TO IN LUSAKA AND SEE VICTORIA FALLS, AND THAT YOU ACCEPT AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI'S SUGGESTION TO INVITE MUZOREWA AND NKOMO TO ACCOMPANY ON THE FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE AND VICTORIA FALLS.

### 3. DISCUSSION

-- THE ADVANTAGE OF MAKING THE TRIP IS THAT THE ZAMBIANS WOULD BE EXTREMELY PLEASED BY THE GESTURE. THE ZAMBIANS WOULD HOPE THAT YOU MAKE THE DRAMATIC GESTURE OF WALKING OUT ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER BRIDGE TOWARD RHODESIA. THEY WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT THE EVENT RECEIVES GOOD PUBLICITY. AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI ALSO SUGGESTS THAT MUZOREWA AND NKOMO ACCOMPANY YOU ON YOUR FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS THERE WITH THE TWO LEADERS.

-- ONE OF THE DISADVANTAGES OF MAKING THE TRIP TO VICTORIA FALLS IS THAT IT IS NOT A GOOD TIME TO VISIT THE FALLS. DUE TO UNUSUALLY HEAVY RAINS, MIST AND FOG OBSCURE THE FALLS AND MAKE VIEWING MOST UNSATISFACTORY. A TRIP THERE WOULD ALSO CUT HEAVILY INTO YOUR LUSAKA SCHEDULE WHICH COULD EASILY BECOME THE HEAVIEST PART OF YOUR SCHEDULE, I.E. YOUR MAJOR SPEECH ON AFRICA, BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH KAUNDA, NKOMO, MUZOREWA AND EITHER WITH KHAMA, OR POSSIBLY A THREE-POWER MEETING INCLUDING MACHEL. YOU WOULD ALSO BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO LUSAKA TO DEPART BY YOUR OWN AIRCRAFT FOR KINSHASA THAT SAME EVENING.

### 4. AF VIEWS.

-- GIVEN THE HEAVY SCHEDULE IN LUSAKA AND THE POOR VIEWING CONDITIONS AT VICTORIA FALLS, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU LIMIT YOUR TRIP TO THE FALLS TO AN AERIAL TOUR AND  
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THAT YOU USE THE TIME AVAILABLE TO REMAIN IN LUSAKA TO HOLD A COMPLETE ROUND OF TALKS WITH ZAMBIAN AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS. I ALSO RECOMMEND AGAINST INVITING MUZOREWA AND NKOMO TO ACCOMPANY YOU SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO MAKE THE TRIP TO THE FALLS. I THINK YOU WOULD APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO PLAY THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR. I THINK THAT MEDIATION BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE RHODESIAN FACTIONS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE AFRICAN LEADERS ALREADY

INVOLVED. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION I.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION I (OVERFLY THE FALLS)

APPROVE      DISAPPROVE

ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION II (VISIT FALLS  
WITHOUT THE ANC LEADERS)

APPROVE      DISAPPROVE

ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION III (INVITE  
MUZOREWA AND NKOMO TO GO WITH YOU)

APPROVE      DISAPPROVE

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